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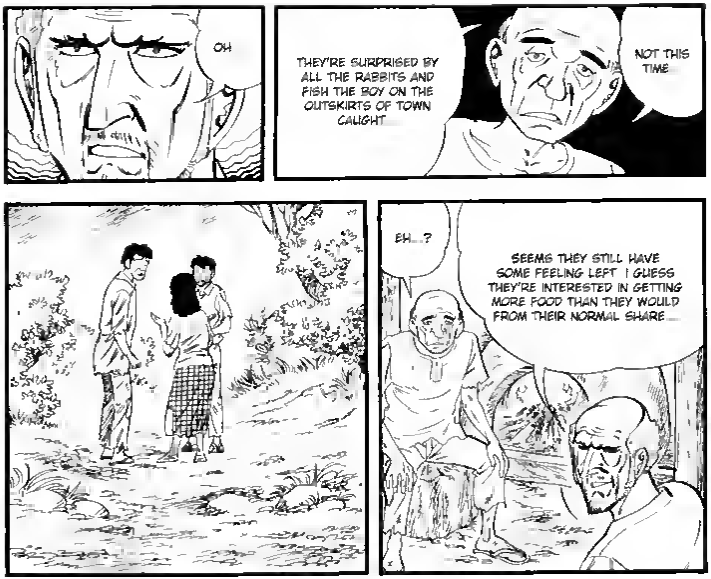
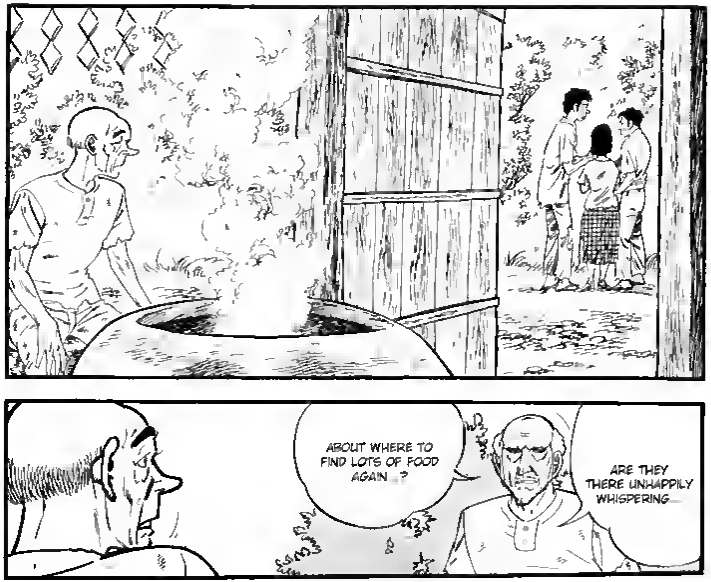
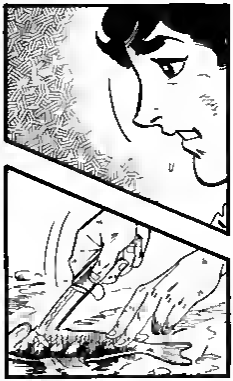

OH
THEY'RE SURPRISED BY ALL THE RABBITS AND FISH THE BOY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN CAUGHT...
NOT THIS TIME...
EH...?
SEEMS THEY STILL HAVE SOME FEELING LEFT ! GUESS THEY'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE FOOD THAN THEY WOULD FROM THEIR NORMAL SHARE...


ABOUT WHERE TO FIND LOTS OF FOOD AGAIN...?
ARE THEY THERE UNHAPPILY WHISPERING...

THAT'S A "REVELATION" FROM KANNUSHI! JUST TO BOSS THE VILLAGERS AROUND!
AND WHO GOD'S WRATH WILL FALL UPON...?
RATHER THAN THAT, AT THE PINE TEMPLE DO YOU THINK SATSUKI-SAMA'S "REVELATION" WAS REAL...? THAT AMONGST THE VILLAGERS THERE'S SCOUNDRELS WHO'D RAISE THEIR BOWS TO GOD...
...
THEY'RE THE KANNUSHI S!
NONE OF THE RECENT ONE'S HAVE BEEN SATSUKI-SAMA'S!
WOAH...
I DON'T THINK I'VE DONE ANYTHING TO ANGER GOD...
I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO PROTECT THE FIRE...
...
MAYBE IT'S GONNA RAIN...
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THOSE CLOUDS...

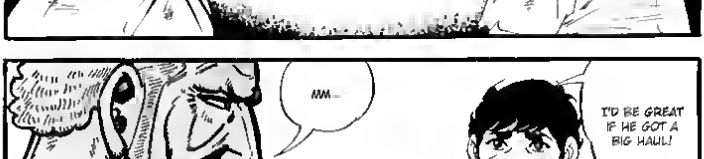
HELLO THERE!
OH... STILL AT IT THEN



IT'S THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE FISH RIGHT...
I SEE...
I WAS PLANNING ON SMOKING THE FISH...
THEY'RE REALLY MISERABLE...
...
THAT DAY, ALL THEY CAN THINK ABOUT IS THAT DAY THEY'VE FORGOTTEN EVEN THIS...
EH?
I KNEW IT, IT'S GONNA RAIN...

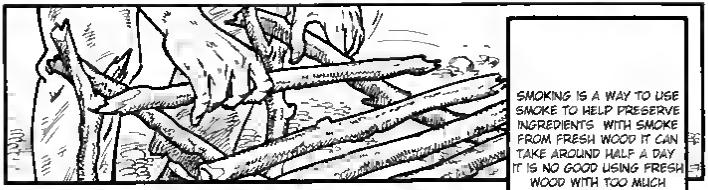
BUT WHY...?
TAKE A LOOK... THERE'S SAND AND GRIT IN IT'S GUTS... IT MEANS IT'S BEEN EATING WORMS IN THE SAND! CHAR ARE SENSITIVE TO THE WEATHER. BEFORE RAIN FALLS THEY'LL FEAST ON WORMS IN THE SAND.
HOW DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT...?
MAYBE IT'S PREPARING FOR SOME TRAGEDY.
WELL... I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW THE DETAILS...
...
IT IS BELIEVED THAT CHAR EAT WORMS IN THE SAND AND TAKE IN THE SAND AND GRIT TO INCREASE THEIR BODY WEIGHT AND PREVENT THEMSELVES BEING CARRIED AWAY BY RISING WATER LEVELS.

HE SET OFF IN HIGH SPIRITS FOR THE MOUNTAIN...
AAH, HE WAS LONELY WITHOUT YOU BUT...
WHAT ABOUT KAZUO-KUN?

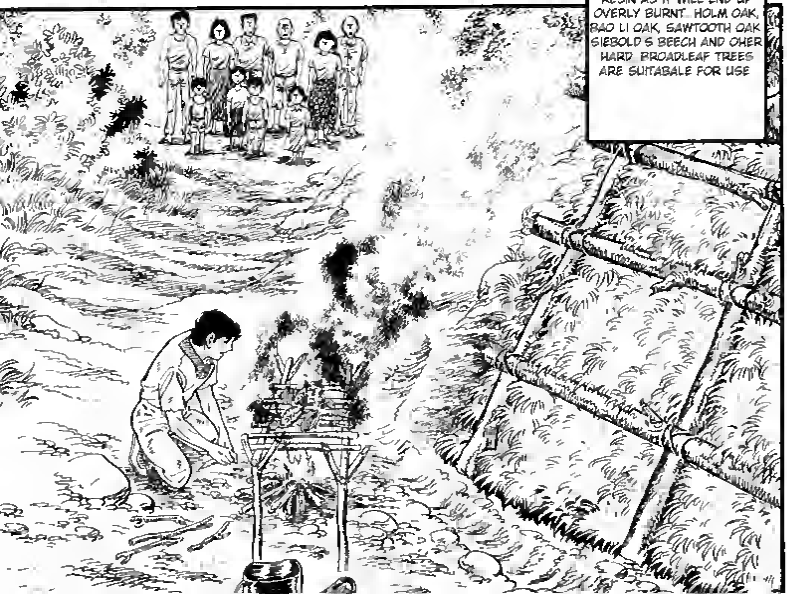

MM...
I'D BE GREAT IF HE GOT A BIG HAUL!

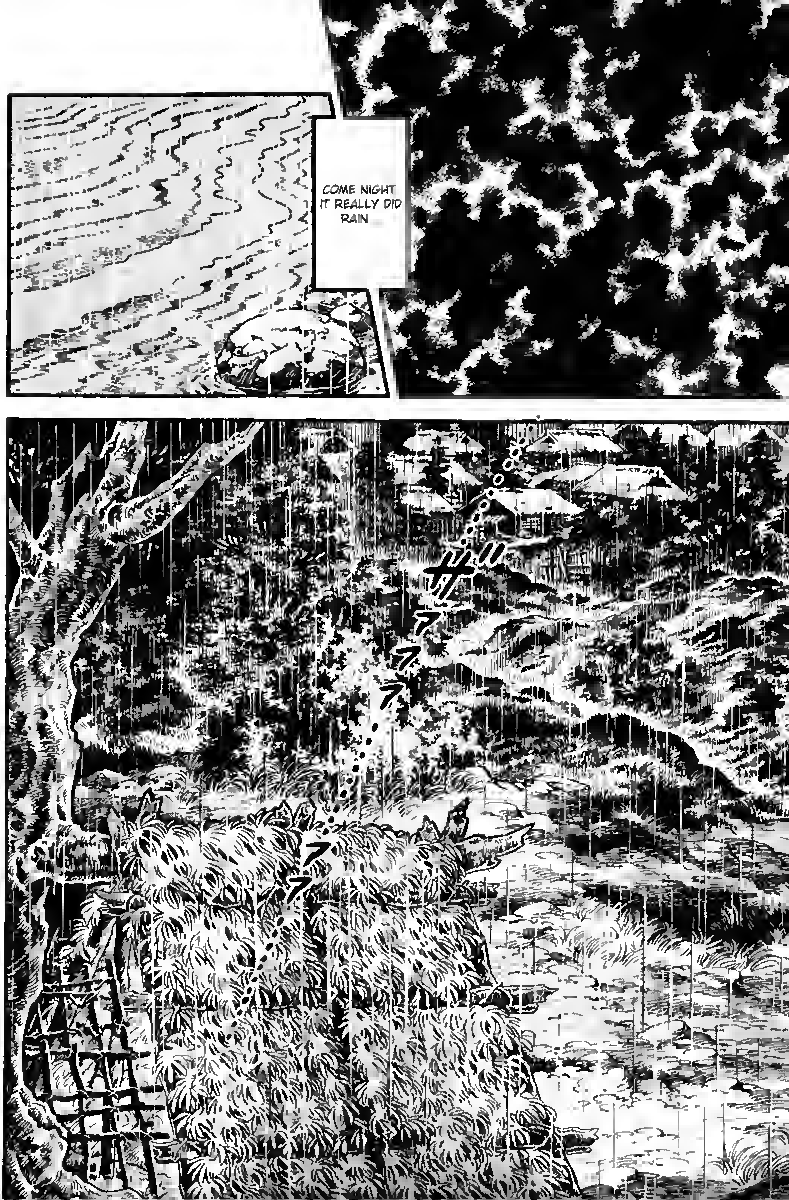
TCH... NO SIGN OF ANYTHING...

DAMN IT
IT'S REAL VEXING BUT I'M CLUELESS WITHOUT SATORU...



SMOKING IS A WAY TO USE SMOKE TO HELP PRESERVE INGREDIENTS. WITH SMOKE FROM FRESH WOOD IT CAN TAKE AROUND HALF A DAY. IT IS NO GOOD USING FRESH WOOD WITH TOO MUCH RESIN AS IT WILL END UP OVERLY BURNT. HOLM OAK, BAO LI OAK, SAWTOOTH OAK, SIEBOLD'S BEECH AND OHER HARD BROADLEAF TREES ARE SUITABALE FOR USE




COME NIGHT IT REALLY DID RAIN
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YOU WERE JUST UNLUCKY...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
I KNEW IT, I'M USELESS BY MYSELF... I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING TODAY!
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP AT IT BY YOURSELF. YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR LIFE ALONGSIDE THE VILLAGERS...
NO GOOD... MY GRANDPA TOLD ME TO STOP THAT...
STILL, HOW ABOUT WE GO TOGETHER TOMORROW TO GET STUFF!
STILL, I'M IMPRESSED SATORU...
...
...
EVERYONE WAS SHOCKED!
YOU DID ALL THIS ALONE...

THIS RAIN WOULD SET THE PERFECT STAGE FOR "GOD'S WRATH" TO FALL, KANNUSHI-SAN...
SHALL I GET TO IT?
MM...!
BUT...
YOU MUSTN'T LET THE VILLAGERS FIND OUT... IF THEY DO, IT'LL ALL BE OVER!
HEHEHE... LEAVE IT TO ME!

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?!
I... IT WAS SATSUKI-SAMA!
WHAT?!

...
HEAR WHAT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT...!
WH,... WHAT DO WE DO?! WHAT IF SATSUKI-SAMA HAPPENED TO
I'LL BE GETTING BACK NOW!
WELL I CAN'T LET MY GRANDPA WORRY SO
AAH, GOOD NIGHT AND TAKE CARE
...

?!
...
W... WH ... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING HERE THIS LATE...?
EH?!
GET OUT
A... AT ANY RATE, COME ON... IN!
?!

...
A... AREN'T YOU MISTAKEN ABOUT ME...?!
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT I WASN'T GOING TO BRING CALAMITY TO THE VILLAGE
Y... YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE NOW!
!
YOU'LL MEET A TERRIBLE FATE!
I... I CAME FOR YOUR SAKE! IF YOU DON'T LEAVE SOMETHING TERRIBLE WILL BEFALL YOU!
EVEN IF YOU ARE THE VILLAGE'S GUARDIAN DEITY, YOU'VE NO REASON TO CHASE ME OUT!
BESIDES, I'M NOT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE. I'M HERE OF MY OWN FREE WILL!
I DON'T RECALL DOING SOMETHING SO BAD IT'D HAVE PEOPLE AFTER MY LIFE! YOU REALLY THINK I'D LEAVE?!
YOUR LIFE'S BEING TARGETED, YOU'LL BE KILLED!
NOT AT ALL!
IS THIS ONE OF YOUR SPECIAL "FORTUNES"?

IF SO THEN WHO IS IT, WHO'S THE ONE AFTER MY LIFE?!
IT REALLY IS!
IT'S TRUE!
UUUH...!
UUH...
NO ONE AT ALL...!
SEE!
...
!
STOP CRYING, PLEASE...
I... I GET IT, I GET IT... I'LL GO! I'LL GO SO...
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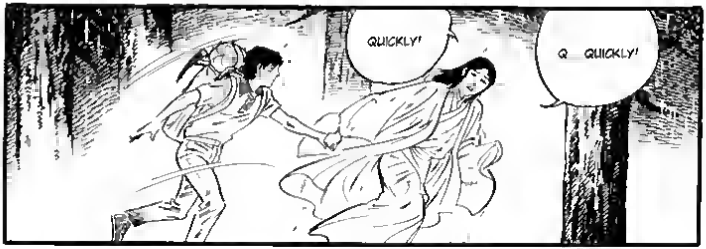
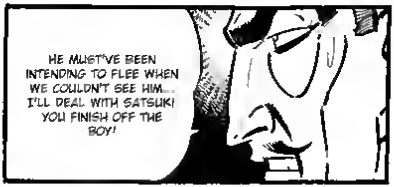

QUICKLY!
Q... QUICKLY!

SATSUKI WOULDN'T BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRY AND LEAVE IN THAT OUTFIT.
WHAT NONSENSE!
I... IT COULDN'T BE IS SATSUKI-SAMA GONNA LEAVE THE VILLAGE WITH THAT VAGABOND?!

HEHEHE... SURE THING. LEAVE IT TO ME!


HE MUST'VE BEEN INTENDING TO FLEE WHEN WE COULDN'T SEE HIM... I'LL DEAL WITH SATSUKI! YOU FINISH OFF THE BOY!